

Office of Financial Management (OFM) is extremely proud that its senior management team is among the most highly certified, educated, well-trained and experienced financial management teams of the 50 state governments. All financial managers are Certified Public Accountants (CPA) licensed or registered to practice accountancy in the State of Michigan, have experience serving in leadership roles in information technology projects and have advanced degrees in accounting or finance. Most of the management team have former audit experience as staff of the Michigan Office of Auditor General (OAG) with degrees in accounting or related fields. Two are Certified Information Systems Auditors (CISA) and Certified Governmental Finance Managers (CGFM).

Senior management team biographies:

Tim Becker - Manager, OFM Financial Reporting Section of Accounting & Financial Reporting Division. Tim graduated from CMU in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration Degree with a major in accounting. He is a licensed CPA (Illinois); was staff accountant for Deloitte & Touche, LLP in Grand Rapids, Michigan with a focus on mortgage and banking clients from 1993 through 1994; was senior accountant for H. H. Cutler Company (a division of VF Corporation in Grand Rapids, Michigan) responsible for financial reporting and license royalty reporting and management from 1994 through 1996; and financial institution examiner for Financial Institutions Bureau in the former Department of Consumer & Industry Services from 1996-97. Tim joined OFM in 1997 as a liaison accountant. He is currently Michigan's assigned NASACT representative on "Uniform Guidelines for Grant Budgeting and Financial Reporting Project" and member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA).

Edward Dettling III - Manager, OFM Tax Reporting Section of Payroll & Tax Reporting Division. He is an accounting/computer information systems graduate of Ferris State University and has 15 years with the State of Michigan having managed the Tax Reporting Section since November of 1997. Ed is a licensed CPA, CISA and CGFM and formerly served as an auditor for Michigan Department of Transportation four years, and the OAG five years prior to coming to OFM.

Lisa Fath - Manager, OFM Accounting Section of Accounting & Financial Reporting Division. Lisa is an accounting graduate of MSU and began her career in state government with the OAG. She joined OFM in 1987 and served as a financial reporting accountant and agency liaison before becoming manager of the Accounting Section in 1998. She is a licensed CPA and past president of the Greater Lansing Chapter of Association of Government Accountants.

Margaret Fuller - Manager, OFM Training & Communications Section of Support Services Division. Marge attended City University of New York, Brooklyn College with a major in Education. She began her career in state government with Department of Social Services (now Human Services). Marge served as Jurisprudence specialist in Ingham County prior to joining DMB Office of Purchasing in 1985. After 14 years as a buyer and purchasing manager, she moved to the Michigan Administrative Information Network (MAIN) as manager of Training & Communications Section of the Customer Support Services Division. Marge joined OFM in July of 2002.

Nandita Jain - Manager, OFM MAIN FACS Service Center of Accounting & Financial Reporting Division. She has an M.B.A. from MSU with a major in accounting and is registered as a CPA. Nandita has worked for various state departments since 1977.

Ruth Mealy - Director of Payroll & Tax Reporting Division. Ruth is an accounting graduate of Davenport University. Ruth is a CPA with over 10 years experience in accounting, auditing, consulting and information systems in both the public and private sectors. Ruth worked for a public accounting firm two and a half years, most recently serving as senior manager in charge of the management and technology consulting practice. Prior to that, Ruth spent 7 years in state government, including several years with the OAG, and three years in the Financial Operations Division where she served as manager of the Central Payroll Section and payroll team leader for the Human Resources Management Network (HRMN) project. Ruth returned to OFM as Financial Operations Division director (now Payroll & Tax Reporting Division) April of 2003.

Laura Mester - Director of Accounting & Financial Reporting Division. Laura has directed the division since November 1998 and is a CPA. She began her career with the OAG in January 1988 prior to coming to OFM as an accounting liaison in September 1994. She managed the OFM Financial Reporting Section before becoming director. She is an accounting graduate of MSU and has an M.B.A. from Central Michigan University. She is a frequent speaker on financial management topics and currently chairs the Financial Management User Group (FMUG).

Michael J. Moody - Director of Office of Financial Management (OFM). Mike is an accounting graduate of Central Michigan University and is a CPA, CISA and CGFM. He began his career in state government with the OAG where he worked 10 years as a staff auditor and supervisor, and provided data processing support to audit staff. He previously served 13 years in OFM as director of Financial Operations Division and State payroll manager. He served three years as a project manager on implementation of a statewide human resources, benefits and payroll system, and a year doing budget development and monitoring work as director of Office of Budget Development and General Government before returning to OFM as Office Director and State Controller August of 2002.

Jane Paxton - Manager, OFM Help Desk of Support Services Division. Jane is an accounting graduate of MSU and has a master's degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University. She is a registered CPA. Jane began her career in state government in 1988 with the Michigan Insurance Bureau. In 1995 she began working for the Michigan Administrative Information Network (MAIN) where she was implementation coordinator and/or project manager on several of the MAIN projects. She became part of the OFM organization July of 2002.

Doug Ringler - Director of Support Services Division. Doug obtained his accounting degree from Ferris State University. He joined OFM in January 1999 as manager of the Financial Reporting Section after 10 years of employment by the OAG, specializing in performance auditing. Doug, a licensed CPA, has given numerous presentations on auditing, internal controls, financial reporting and other topics.

Peter Woodford - Manager, OFM HRMN Payroll Service Center of Payroll & Tax Reporting Division. Peter has an M.B.A. from University of Houston and B.B.A. from MSU. Peter has over 15 years of finance experience in the private sector. He joined OFM in September of 2002 and serves as team leader for the HRMN Payroll Service Center.